

News FOR YOU...

January 2018

Barron Electric Cooperative is a member-owned business that safely provides energy, products, and services to improve the quality of life in the area we serve.

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Members Enjoy Refund Checks

Barron Electric returned \$2.6 million to members who were on the lines from 2007-2012 as part of the settlement from the Nuclear Waste Policy Act (NWPA) of 1982. The NWPA stated that the United States Government would provide long-term storage of spent nuclear fuel. The government failed to take the nuclear waste from Dairyland's shutdown nuclear power plant in Genoa. Dairyland Power Cooperative, Barron Electric's power supplier, won a \$73.5 million settlement from the U.S. government. This is the second award Dairyland has received for having to store the spent fuel, which remains in dry casks at the Genoa plant site. Although Dairyland Power is in the process of decommissioning the shutdown nuclear plant, it still costs \$3 million annually for security of the spent fuel. Former member Shirlee Lucken remarked, "The check was a nice surprise." More than 19,000 current and former members received a refund.



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Outage Texting Now Available

Barron Electric members now have the opportunity to text in their outage and receive a message when the outage is restored. If your mobile number is included on your account information, you can sign up for outage texting by visiting our website at barronelectric.com and click on outage texting on the home page. If your mobile number is not listed on your account, please complete the form below or contact our billing department at 800-322-1008 to update your account information.

Name: _____

Barron Electric Account #: _____

Mobile #: _____

E-mail: _____



Wisconsin's Business Climate Attracts Peragon

Peragon's truck bed covers are designed using solid aluminum. With 40 different sizes available, customers can find one to fit their truck. Peragon is the only tonneau cover manufacturer that exclusively sells directly to the customer, which allows them to sell at a compelling price of \$699. The key lockable feature offers added security. The cover is easily retracted offering full access to the truck bed when needed. Company President Heath Copp commented,

"We are the only retractable cover available in paint match; customers can choose any color to match their truck or trim."

History

Heath Copp and Matthew Johnson were searching for truck bed covers, but were unsuccessful in finding ones to meet their needs. After making a list of what they wanted, they built their first prototype out of Legos. The second prototype followed and was created using plywood. These prototypes led to Peragon's beginning, which was formed in 1999 and based out of Grand Forks, North Dakota. The company later moved to Minnesota, then to Wisconsin

in 2013. Heath remarked, "The business climate in Wisconsin and the support of the local economic development drew us here. Wisconsin is definitely open for business." A recent move from Spooner to Shell Lake has given Peragon a larger facility with room to grow. We are always evaluating innovative new products, while continuing to improve our current product."

Peragon offers the only retractable cover available in paint match.



Photo submitted by Peragon.



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Visit www.peragon.com or call 877-473-7246 for more information.

FilterEasy Offers Convenience

Barron Electric member Wanda Johansen said, "FilterEasy is convenient for me. I have an odd sized filter that I couldn't find locally. The shipment is a nice reminder to replace my filter."

Barron Electric partnered with FilterEasy®, and members can order filters online while receiving the first shipment **free***. Automatic deliveries right to your door remind you to change your filter. Choose filters based on the needs of your household. Visit Barron Electric's website at barronelectric.com, and click on the residential tab and FilterEasy® to get started. Please contact the Member Services Department at 800-322-1008 or memberservices@barronelectric.com if you have any questions.

**Free shipment pertains to 1" filters only. FilterEasy® only accepts credit card payments.*



Bonnie Christenson Wins the Megawatt Community Service Award

Congratulations to Bonnie Christenson, this month's Megawatt Community Service Award winner. Bonnie has been involved in the Lakeview Medical Center's Hospice Program where she has provided transportation, picked up medical supplies, made weekly visits and provided bedside vigil with patients in their final hours of life through the 11th Hour program. She said, "It is a privilege to be with the people and help them with their final journey." She added, "I really wanted to give back after a personal experience with this program." Her dog, Buddy, is part of the Lakeview Medical Center Hospice Paws with Heart program. He has

visited patients, libraries, and the University of Wisconsin-Barron County during finals week to help reduce stress.

Bonnie also helps distribute food at Ruby's Pantry in Cameron. She makes quilts for New Hope Comforters. These quilts are distributed to food pantries, community needs, and overseas. She is a member of the Cameron Friends of the Library, which plans events and fundraisers.

Bonnie Christenson and dog, Buddy, accept the Megawatt Community Service Award from Barron Electric representative Danae Becker.



Reducing Outages with Right-of-Way Clearing



Right-of-way clearing helps reduce contact between trees and power lines which reduces outages and improves safety for our line crews.

Monthly Photo Contest



Members are invited to participate in the 2018 photo contest. We are currently looking for winter landscape photos. Winning photos will be used on the cover of the *News for You*. If your photo is chosen, you will win a \$50 credit on your electric bill. Criteria for the photos include:

- Photos must have a horizontal orientation (landscape).
- Photo must be high resolution, at least 300 dpi.
- Member must own rights to the photo.
- E-mail your digital image to memberservices@barronelectric.com by January 10, 2018.

Director Notes



Richard Bol represents District 9 on Barron Electric's Board of Directors which includes the following townships: Chetek, Dallas, Sioux Creek, Dove, Sampson, and Sand Creek.

Condensed Board Minutes

October 25, 2017

- Director Helm reported on activity of total receipts in the office - \$1,283,018; total receipts by wire and ACH- \$642,560; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - \$1,067,205; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$171,509 and power bill paid 10/25/17 in the amount of \$1,876,993. A membership list of 88 was presented and approved by the board.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the past month in the amount of \$326,960.18 was presented for approval, and included new services - \$20,700.98; change jobs - \$59,107.66; miscellaneous - \$247,151.54 and 4 retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.

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Cook's Corner

Chow Mein Dinner

Ed Snobl

1 lb. hamburger
1 cup diced onion
1 cup diced celery
1 can tomato soup
1 can chop suey vegetables
Chow mein noodles or rice cooked



Brown hamburger with onions. Then, place in a sauce pan to simmer with celery and tomato soup. Add chop suey vegetables. Once hot, pour over chow mein noodles or cooked rice.

Win a cookbook if your recipe is chosen for Cook's Corner.
Send in your favorite recipes to:

Member Services
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PO Box 40
Barron WI 54812

Statement of NonDiscrimination

Even though Barron Electric Cooperative is no longer a recipient of federal financial assistance from the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we do abide by Wisconsin law, the federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture Policy. The Department of Agriculture Policy prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability and other factors. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs).

The person responsible for coordinating this organization's nondiscrimination compliance efforts in regard to the Department of Agriculture policies is Dallas Sloan, General Manager of Barron Electric Cooperative. Any individual, or specific class of individuals, who feels that this organization has subjected them to discrimination, contrary to the rules of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, may file a written complaint with this organization or the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. Such complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discriminatory action, or by such later date to which the Secretary of Agriculture extends the time for filing. Identity of complainants will be kept confidential except to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Additionally, Barron Electric Cooperative is an Equal Opportunity Employer, as defined under other federal and state laws, for all employees and candidates for employment. We support and are committed to fully cooperating in the implementation of applicable laws and executive orders in all of our employment policies, practices and decisions.

Pursuant to federal and state anti-discrimination laws, there shall be no discrimination against any person based upon race, color, national origin, religion, creed, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, arrest or conviction record, ancestry, membership in the National Guard, state defense force or reserves, age, disability, or status as a special disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era or in any other manner prohibited under federal or state law, in any personnel action including recruitment, selection, placement, training, compensation, or terms and conditions of employment.

All employees are expected to comply with this policy. All managers and/or supervisors who are responsible for meeting business objectives are expected to cooperate fully in meeting our equal opportunity objectives. It is the special commitment of Barron Electric Cooperative to comply with all equal opportunity laws and principles.

Questions or concerns in regard to our affirmative action programs may be referred to Barron Electric Cooperative's General Manager, Dallas Sloan, who has also been designated as the Cooperative's Compliance Officer.